

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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GLADYS D. DALLAS,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 18-C-1657

TEHASSI HILL,  
BRANDON STEVENS,  
TRISH KING,  
LISA SUMMERS,  
DANIEL GUZMAN KING,  
DAVID P. JORDAN,  
KIRBY METOXEN,  
ERNIE STEVENS, III, and  
JENNIFER WEBSTER,

Defendants.

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**SCREENING ORDER**

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The plaintiff, Gladys D. Dallas, filed a *pro se* complaint against several defendants. Notwithstanding the fact that Dallas has paid the filing fee, the court has a duty to review the complaint and dismiss the case if it appears that the complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B); *Hoskins v. Polestra*, 320 F.3d 761, 763 (7th Cir. 2003). Upon my review of the complaint, it is evident that the complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted. In considering whether a complaint states a claim, courts should identify “the pleadings that, because they are no more than conclusions, are not entitled to the assumption of truth.” *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662, 679 (2009). Legal conclusions must be supported by factual allegations. *Id.* Although *pro se* filings are to be read liberally, Dallas’ complaint does not provide enough facts to determine whether she states a claim upon which relief

may be granted. The complaint does not allow any of the named defendants or the court to understand what they are alleged to have actually done, when, where, and what injury or damage their actions allegedly caused Dallas. The purpose of the complaint is to provide such notice, *see* Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a), and the defendants should not be forced to incur the cost of defending themselves in a federal lawsuit absent some indication that the plaintiff has a cognizable federal claim and enough information so they know what the claim is about. If Dallas wishes to proceed, she must file an amended complaint that clearly sets forth the who, what, when, and where of what she alleges occurred within the next thirty days. Failure to do so will result in the dismissal of the action.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the complaint is **DISMISSED without prejudice**.

Dallas shall file an amended complaint within 30 days or this case will be dismissed.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2018.

s/ William C. Griesbach  
William C. Griesbach, Chief Judge  
United States District Court